

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~An article comprising a medium storing software that causes a processor-based computer system to perform the following steps:~~
create an appointment entry in a time management application; and
associate a task directly with the appointment.

A time management method, comprising:

coupling at least one portion of a file to a task in a task management application, wherein the at least one portion of the file relates to the task to which it is coupled to.

2. (currently amended) ~~The article of claim 1 wherein associating the task includes displaying a plurality of tasks next to an appointment for which the task is related.~~

The time management method of claim 1, wherein the task management application is utilized by at least one of a student or a teacher to track assignments due.

3. (currently amended) ~~The article~~ time management method of claim 1 wherein ~~associating the coupling step the task includes~~ at least one of linking related tasks the task and appointments to at least one appointment in a data base to maintain the ~~a relationship between of the tasks task or and to~~ allow the a user to at least one of create and remove or edit the linked relationships relationship.

4. (currently amended) ~~The article~~ time management method of claim 3 wherein the task is in an assignment assignments due list of a calendar of the time management application.

5. (currently amended) The ~~article~~ time management method of claim ~~3~~ 4 wherein ~~the~~ time periods relate to the task in the calendar of the time management application, wherein the time periods are class periods.
6. (currently amended) A ~~system~~ time management apparatus, comprising:
a processor;
a memory coupled to the processor; and
a storage medium coupled to the processor including a software program that, upon execution:
create an appointment entry in a time management application;
and
associate a task directly with the appointment.
means for coupling at least one portion of a file to a task in a task management application, wherein the at least one portion of the file relates to the task to which it is coupled to.
7. (currently amended) The ~~article~~ system of claim 6 wherein associating the task includes displaying a plurality of tasks next to an appointment for which the task is related.
The time management apparatus of claim 1, wherein the task management application is utilized by at least one of a student or a teacher to track assignments due.
8. (currently amended) The ~~article~~ time management apparatus of claim 6 wherein ~~associating the means for coupling the task~~ includes at least one of a means for linking related tasks the task and appointments to at least one appointment in a data base to maintain the a relationship between of the tasks task or and a means for allowing allow the a user to at least one of create and, remove or edit the linked relationships-relationship.
9. (currently amended) The ~~article~~ system of claim 8 wherein the task is in an assignment assignments due list of a calendar of the time management application.

10. (currently amended) The article-system of claim ~~8~~ 9 wherein ~~the~~ time periods relate to the task in the calendar of the time management application, wherein the time periods are class periods.

11. (currently amended) A time management system ~~portable computing device~~, comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to the processor; and

a storage medium coupled to the processor including a software program that, upon execution:

~~create an appointment entry in a time management application;~~

~~and~~

~~associate a task directly with the appointment.~~

couples at least one portion of a file to a task in a task management application, wherein the at least one portion of the file relates to the task to which it is coupled to.

12. (currently amended) The time management system ~~article~~ of claim ~~6~~ 11 wherein ~~associating the task includes displaying a plurality of tasks next to an appointment for which the task is related~~ the task management application is utilized by at least one of a student or a teacher to track assignments due.

13. (currently amended) The time management system ~~article~~ of claim ~~6~~ 11 wherein ~~associating the coupling the task includes~~ at least one of linking related tasks the task and appointments to at least one appointment in a data base to maintain the a relationship between of the tasks task or and to allow the a user to at least one of create and, remove or edit the linked relationships-relationship.

14. (currently amended) The time management system ~~article~~ of claim ~~8~~ 13 wherein the task is in an assignment ~~assignments~~-due list of a calendar of the time management application.

15. (currently amended) The time management system ~~article~~ of claim ~~8~~ 14 the time periods relate to the task in the calendar of the time management application, wherein the time periods are class periods.
16. (new) The time management method of claim 1, wherein the at least one portion of a file relates to at least one of a homework or an exam.
17. (new) The time management method of claim 1, wherein the at least one portion of a file is at least one hyper link.
18. (new) The time management method of claim 1, wherein the time management method is utilized by at least one of a student or a teacher to couple at least one of a homework or an exam task to the at least one portion of the file, wherein the at least one portion of the file is at least one of a document or a link.
19. (new) The time management system of claim 11, wherein the time management system is a portable computing device.
20. (new) The time management system of claim 11, wherein the time management system is utilized by at least one of a student or a teacher to couple at least one of a homework or an exam task to the at least one portion of the file, wherein the at least one portion of the file is at least one of a document or a link.